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1. EMBASSY APRIL 24 DISCUSSED PROPOSAL FOR CIVAIR TALKS WITH PHIL CAB (AGCAOILI) AND DFA (AMB PLANA, CHIEF OF LEGAL OFFICE). CAB CHAIRMAN ASPIRAS HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE SINCE EARLY APRIL AND IS CURRENTLY IN INDONESIA WITH MRS. MARCOS. UPON HIS RETURN EXPECTED THIS WEEKEND, QUESTION OF TIME AND PLACE OF PROPOSED TALKS WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH HIM.

2. AGCAOILI EXPRESSED HOPE TALKS CAN BE HELD BY END OF MAY OR EARLY JUNE AND INDICATED HE WILL RECOMMEND TO ASPIRAS THAT THEY BE HELD IN MANILA. HE EXPECTS, HOWEVER, THAT AMB ROMUALDEZ MAY WISH TO HAVE THEM IN WASHINGTON AND IS UNCERTAIN WHAT WILL BE ULTIMATE GOP POSITION.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES PROSPECTS OF FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF TALKS WOULD BE ENHANCED BY HOLDING TALKS IN MANILA WHERE ISSUES COULD MORE EASILY BE PLACED BEFORE VARIOUS SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVING AN INTEREST IN CIVAIR AND RELATED (TOURISM). ISSUES
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AS WELL AS TAKEN DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT MARCOS IF NECESSARY.

WE COULD ENCOURAGE GOP THINKING TOWARDS MANILA AS SITE AS WELL AS EARLY DECISION ON TIMING IF WE HAD INDICATION OF TIMES US DELEGATION COULD SCHEDULE TALKS IN MANILA. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IF AMB ROMUALDEZ PRESSES TO HOLD TALKS IN WASHINGTON AND IS SUPPORTED BY GOP, WE SHOULD OF COURSE NOT OPPOSE WASHINGTON SITE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: INDICATION OF POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF US DEL FOR TALKS IN MANILA DURING PERIOD MAY 15 TO JUNE 15 AS WELL AS CONFIRMATION THAT US DEL WOULD BE READY TO BEGIN TALKS AS SOON AS MAY 15.

5. WHEN EMBOFF REVIEWED WITH AGCAOILI SUBSTANCE OF MEADOWS-R ROMUALDEZ APRIL 19 CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTTEL, AGCAOILI NOTED WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST ROMUALDEZ SHIFT IN POSITION FROM FIRM REFUSAL TO DISCUSS LIMITED PACKAGE DURING MAY-JUNE 1972 NEGOTIATIONS TO HIS EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT A LIMITED PACKAGE COULD BE DISCUSSED IN FORTHCOMING TALKS IF A GENERAL AGREEMENT NOT POSSIBLE. AGCAOILI WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AT POSITION TAKEN BY ROMUALDEZ.
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